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# Dispatch

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## 30 KILLED: MANY BURIED IN DEBRIS

Middle Section of Big  
Department Store in  
Albany Collapses.

## MAJORITY OF THOSE ENTOMBED ARE GIRLS

Fifty People Still in Ruins, and  
Not More Than Half Can Sur-  
vive Weight Pressing on  
Them—Work of Res-  
cue Still in Pro-  
gress.

(By Associated Press.)  
ALBANY, N. Y., August 8.—The middle section of the department store of the John G. Myers Company, in North Pearl Street, collapsed early to-day, carrying down with it over one hundred persons.

Caught in a chaos of brick, plaster and wooden beams between twenty and thirty men, women and children met death. Twelve hours' frantic work on the part of rescuers disentangled fifty people, six of them dead and many of the rest badly injured. Three bodies were in sight at a late hour to-night, but many hours' work will be required to get them out.

## Partial List of Dead.

The dead thus far removed from the ruins:  
MICHAEL FITZGERALD, aged forty; married.  
FRANK LEONARD, aged fifteen; cash boy.

MISS ANNA E. WHITEBECK.  
MISS MITTIE BULLARD.  
MISS ALICE LASHARP.  
UNIDENTIFIED WOMAN.

Misses Whitebeck, Bullard and Sharp were in the cashier's gallery on the main floor. They were crushed out of shape by an iron girder and were identified by their clothing and jewelry. Another girl, whose name is missing and supposed to be dead.

The fatally injured:  
Miss Helen Donahue, spinal column fractured.  
Miss Mary McEvoy.

Anything like a complete list of the killed and injured will be unobtainable until the workers have made their way to the very bottom of the mass of wreckage. With few exceptions those caught in the ruins were employees, a large majority of them girls.

**How It Happened.**  
The catastrophe occurred shortly after the opening hour, when barely a score of shoppers were in the store. A clock found in the debris had stopped at 12 minutes before 8, showing when the crash came.

The best account of the event that probably caused the ruin is given by the head of the crockery, glass and drug department, which occupied the basement. "The workmen," said he, "were sawing at a wooden floor beam, which runs underneath one of the central pillars in the middle of the store. Excavation for the cellar was going on about the base of this pillar, and I believe that jarring of the beam beneath it displaced the foundation of the pillar. The first thing I saw, two of the counters near the place where the men were working began to sag, and several pieces of glassware slid off onto the floor with a crash."

"I yelled to my clerks to run for the front of the store. The words were not out of my mouth when there came a crash. The wreck came slowly, however, and I think every one in my department escaped, as well as the workmen."

The pillar which drew away, supported the ends of two giant girders, and when it fell the main support of the central portion of the building was gone. With a noise that could be heard blocks away and which shook the adjoining buildings, nearly half the great structure, from cellar to roof, and extending from one side wall to the other, came grinding down. Into this vast fall of debris came a great mass of workers, and the warning which enabled those of the basement to escape. Some, however, were appalled of the danger by falling plaster and saved themselves by rushing to the front of the store or to the fire-escape in the rear.

Clouds of dust which shot out of the front entrance caused those outside to believe that the store was afire, and a fire alarm was turned in immediately. When the fire department arrived, they had plenty to do in rescuing those who were pinned under the top wreckage.

They were joined by some fifty or sixty persons still remained in the ruins, and that not more than a half of these could survive the weight pressing upon them.

Fortunately the wreckage did not take fire. Some one hundred persons are still unaccounted for, but fifty of them are cash boys, and the loss of the payroll makes it difficult to get anything like a complete list of the others. In all, the company has four hundred employees, but fifty of these are away on vacations.

The building, which collapsed stands in the heart of the shipping district, at Nos. 23 and 41 North Pearl Street. It is owned partly by the company and partly by the estate of the late David Orr. The loss to the company is estimated at between \$200,000 and \$300,000.

The building was a very old one, but until now considered perfectly sound. Extensive repairs were under way when the catastrophe took place. The founder, John G. Myers, two years ago, the business was conducted by a company, consisting of George P. Hutton, H. King Sturges, Edward P. Hackett and Robert M. Chalmers. Mr. Chalmers was taken from the ruins with slight injuries. About a month ago the firm was incorporated as a stock company.

## FOUNDER ON THE WEATHER



Forecast for Virginia—Showers Wednesday; partly cloudy Thursday; light winds, mostly light southerly. North Carolina.

At 1 A. M.  
Showers Wednesday; Thursday partly cloudy and warmer; light to fresh east to south winds.

CONDITIONS YESTERDAY.  
Richmond's weather was warm and showery. Range of the thermometer:  
9 A. M. 75 6 P. M. 77  
12 M. 72 9 P. M. 70  
3 P. M. 74 12 midnight 72  
Average 74-75.

Highest temperature yesterday 77  
Lowest temperature yesterday 68  
Mean temperature yesterday 72  
Normal temperature for August 77  
Departure from normal temperature 05

MINIATURE ALMANAC.  
AUGUST 9, 1905.  
Sun rises 5:21 HIGH TIDE 11:44  
Sun sets 7:09 Morning  
Moon sets 12:13 Evening

## SEVERAL LIKELY TO BE INDICTED

The Grand Jury's Axe  
May Fall On  
Four.

## INQUISITION IS NEARING THE END

Now Almost Certain Report of  
Jury Will Be in By Friday—Well-  
Known Men Await  
Their Turn to  
Testify.

The Hastings Court grand jury yesterday heard eighteen or nineteen of the twenty-four special witnesses summoned. The crux of the inquiry has been reached, and the probe is working full time.

About 125 struggling, tardy voters were polled yesterday. The poll is now about as complete as the jury hopes to make it. Rumor has it that the jury will almost certainly indict four, and probably seven or eight persons.

The witnesses summoned indicate that three precincts are under suspicion, or at least that the jury deems a detailed inquiry into conditions there desirable. The rule Judge Witt said he would issue has not yet been served, so far as known. No arrest has been made in connection with the inquiry.

The grand jury confidently expects to conclude its work Friday, if not to-morrow. Some predict a report even sooner, but this is unlikely. Probably 3,000 voters have been polled, nearly all in some precincts having deposed and stated for whom they voted; in others, hardly half.

The jury held a night session, devoted to scrutinizing the ballots in the trunk, and probably a recount on sheriff and attorney. Work will be resumed at 10:30 to-day.

The end of the long drawn out grand jury investigation of the municipal primary is drawing near. It will hardly be known that the jury is anxious to reach the mountain streams near Nymrod Hall, Bath county, to enjoy his favorite sport of angling. Whether he was speaking seriously yesterday when he said he would try to get away to-day, no one can say, but if he were, the statements of

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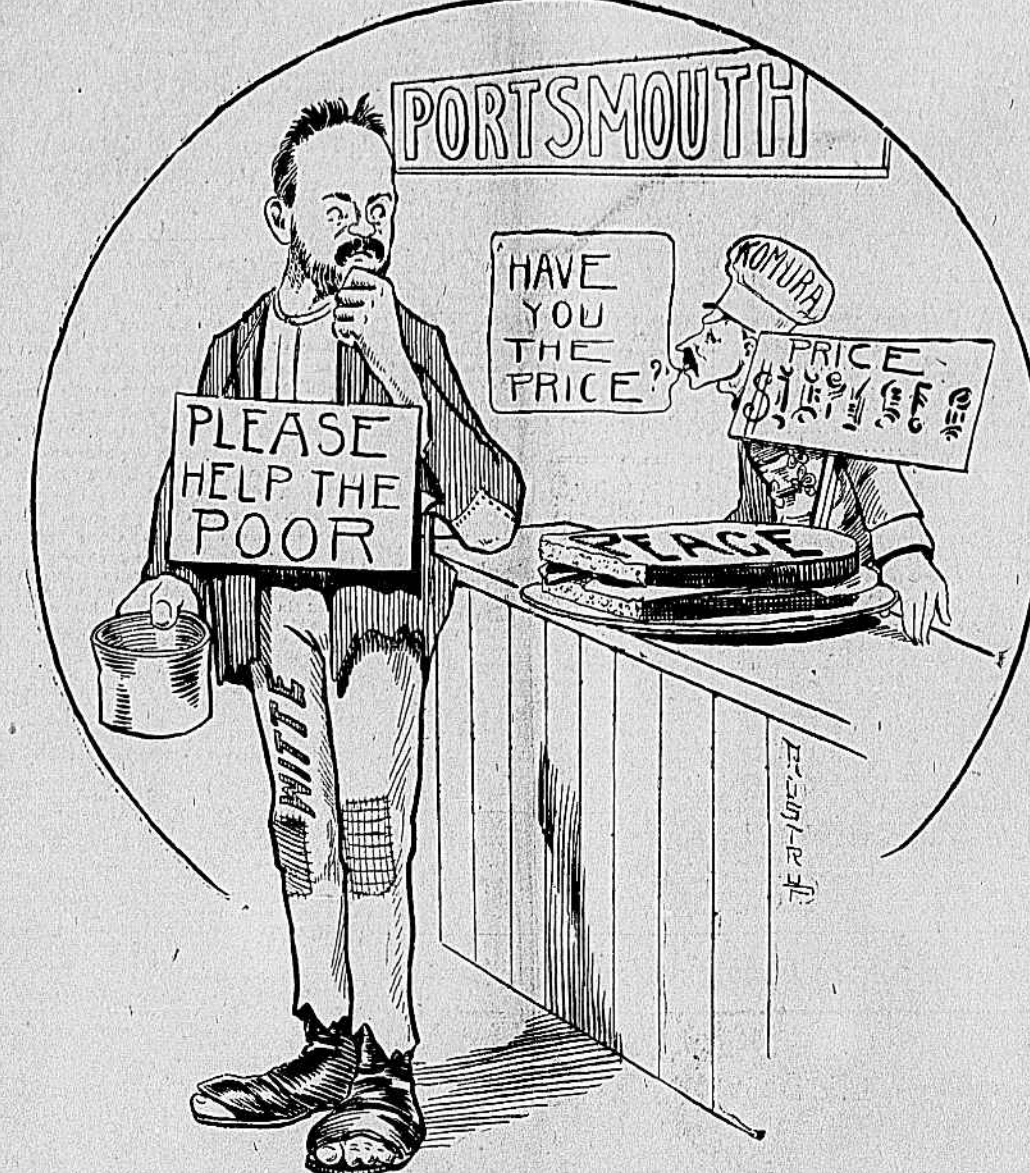
## DAVIDSON RECONCILED TO WIFE IN NEW YORK

Former Mayor of Baltimore, Who  
Recently Disappeared, Re-  
turns From Europe.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
NEW YORK, August 8.—Robert C. Davidson, former Mayor of Baltimore, and once prominent in its financial, political and church affairs, who left that city on May 27th last, the same time that Miss Laura Davidson, his wife, disappeared, has become reconciled with his wife. The reunion took place in New York. Mr. Davidson, who had been in Europe, arrived here on Saturday and remained until to-day. In that time he was in consultation with intimate friends, and the result was that his wife joined him here, and it was decided to forget the past. No information was vouchsafed as to the whereabouts of Miss Davidson, but it was made clear that ample provision had been made for her.

It was Mrs. Davidson herself, who, on May 24th last, announced that her husband was missing, and her belief that he had sailed for Europe on the preceding Wednesday with no intention to return, having converted all his property, about \$175,000 in stocks and bonds, into cash. She also stated that Miss Davidson had left at the same time. This young woman was described as a brunette beauty.

George Whitlock, counsel for Davidson, speaking to-day, confirmed the statement that a full and complete reconciliation had taken place, but declined to enter into details.



Will He be Witty Enough to Get It?

## YOUNG JACKSON FOUND IN QUEBEC

Says He Wandered Away in  
Trance and Actions Are Un-  
accountable to Himself.

## HAS RETURNED TO SHIP

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
NEW YORK, August 8.—Midshipman Robert Jackson, who has been missing since a week ago last Friday, when he left his ship, the Missouri, then lying in the North River, has been located by his father in Quebec. He was working to make enough money to return to his ship. He has gone to the Missouri at Bar Harbor, Maine, with his father.

Jackson says his actions are unaccountable to him. As if he were in a trance, he says, he wandered away from New York. When he recovered his senses and realized the seriousness of his situation, his first thought was to secrete himself until he had made money enough to return to his ship and prove his honor. He is prepared to meet whatever punishment may be imposed, and declares his only excuse is that the first few days after he left his ship are blank to him. A suggestion of desertion on his part excited him with indignation, when his father, D. H. Jackson, and Midshipman Court, his chum at Annapolis, found him.

"Trading him from Boston, through Montreal to Quebec," said his father, "I found unmistakable evidence that from the time he left the Missouri, he was not himself, and that by some strange means his judgment had been rendered inactive. I am pretty well convinced of the cause."

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## RUSSIAN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY IS CALLED

Czar Sets Seal to Report Making  
Revolutionary Movement in  
Muscovite Empire.

(By Associated Press.)  
ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 8.—The Russian national assembly, the first gathering together of the representatives of the Muscovite people since Emperor Alexander Michaelovich, the second of the Romanoffs, summoned the last zemsky sobor in the seventh century, will be proclaimed Saturday next.

The final session of the special commission which has been considering the proposed constitution of the interior, which was held at Peterhof today, its verdict upon the project, which whole was favorable and at the conclusion of the session, before the assembled grand dukes, ministers, senators and other members of the commission, Emperor Nicholas set the seal of his approval thereto.

The national assembly will be a deliberative and consultative body for the discussion of measures laid before it by the Emperor or his ministers. It will have the power to force the withdrawal of ministerial proposals by a two-thirds vote, which gives it a large body, probably of over 500 members, chosen by a system of direct elections, and the first session, it is understood, will be held in November. The elections will take place in October.

## Steamer Stranded.

(By Associated Press.)  
MIAMI, FLA., August 8.—The Ward Line steamer CHY of Washington is stranded on the reefs five miles south of Powey Rock lights. Wreckers have gone to her assistance.

## GOVERNOR AND SENATOR MARTIN

The Former Spoke at Pulaski and  
the Latter to Tazewell.

## BOTH SPEECHES VIGOROUS

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
PULASKI, VA., Aug. 8.—Governor Montague spoke in the Opera House here this afternoon to a rather small, but enthusiastic audience. D. S. Pollock introduced the Governor in a vigorous speech of about ten minutes. On the stage were seated Prof. G. W. Walker, R. C. Boothe, A. T. Eskridge and C. B. Tate. The Governor was received with applause, and spoke for two hours in his usual earnest and effective manner.

His speech was along his regular lines as to electing senators by the people. He cited George Washington, James Madison and Patrick Henry, and declared, amid applause, that a free ballot in the hands of a free man was of value far above the writ of habeas corpus or jury trial.

Evils Portrayed.

The evils of aggregate wealth and corporate greed were vividly portrayed, and the speaker asserted that never in the history of the world was a civilization in as great danger as ours is now from the corrupt influence of vast wealth and the venality of legislative bodies.

He denied being an agrarian, but contended for the equal rights of all men before the law. He said he wanted to make his fight in the open and public highways; that he wanted no election by a midnight caucus, such as chose the junior senator over such men as Hutton and Lee. He asserted that the action of the Legislature was purchased by money furnished by the railroads, and stated that "if you vote for Martin now you will vote to approve the action of that Legislature twelve years ago."

He claimed that legislatures simply register the will of special privileges; that the day may not be far distant when an individual cannot own property, but will simply have a certificate from some corporation. Martin, he said, controls the Legislature of Virginia. "If you want to be a judge, if you desire a place on an important committee, you must be for Martin, or you can't get it."

## The Tribe's Language.

"They wanted to turn me out," he said.

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## 14 WANT HELP TO-DAY.

The 14 advertisements for help published in to-day's Times-Dispatch on page 8 are as follows:

5 Trades. 1 Domestic.  
1 Salesman. 7 Miscellaneous.

This not only interest those out of work, but those desiring to improve their positions as well.

## THE VIRGINIA BAR ASSOCIATION

Judge Phlegar's Name Only One  
Discussed for Presi-  
dent.

## HE MAKES HUMOROUS SPEECH

(Special from a Staff Correspondent.)  
PORT MONROE, VA., August 8.—The seventeenth annual session of the Virginia Bar Association, which opened here at the Chamberlin Hotel this morning, is hardly so largely attended as usual, but the attendance is of a most representative character. All sections of the State have sent lawyers to the annual convocation, and the best of Virginia can give its assembled here. There are notable absentees, who are much missed, but the wisdom and learning of the State bar is amply represented.

The feature of the session to-day was an address this morning by Mr. Eugene C. Massey, of Richmond, who made a plea for the adoption of the Torrens system instead of the present cumbersome method of alienating real estate. Mr. Massey's paper made a profound impression, and brought forth from President Thom a prophecy that the system would eventually be adopted.

Judge Phlegar for President.

Judge Archer A. Phlegar, of Christiansburg, read a paper to-night, which was eminently worthy of this able lawyer and clean-headed jurist. By the way, the name of Judge Phlegar is the only one heard thus far in connection with the presidency of the association.

Only three or four hours a day devoted to business leaves a great deal of time for pleasure, and all the latter period is fully utilized. Bathing and sailing are attractions which have claimed the playtime of many of the lawyers and their ladies. A bevy of young Virginia women, "attached to the lawyers," as some-

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## FATAL COLLISION OF ELECTRIC CARS

Motorman Killed and Passengers  
Shaken Up On Ocean View  
Trolley Road.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
NORFOLK, VA., Aug. 8.—Sidney Thomas, a motorman on the Ocean View Trolley road, was killed in a collision on the Willoughby Spit extension this afternoon. Several passengers were injured. Among them were Robert Tait and his wife and John Gibson.

There is a single track beyond Ocean View, on which the passenger car, filled with passengers, going to Willoughby Spit and the cottages on the line, met the freight train on a curve, both going at high speed, during a severe rainstorm. The collision was sudden and the crash was terrific. The motorman of the passenger car was killed, and the freight motorman might have been killed, too, but for his opportunity to jump.

Thomas was thirty-five years old and a widower, having lost his wife and child recently.

The passengers are at St. Vincent's Hospital, and they are merely bruised and will be discharged in the morning.

## POCAHONTAS HAS A DISASTROUS FIRE

Electrical Machinery Destroyed,  
With a Loss of About  
\$12,000.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
TAEZEWELL, VA., August 8.—News has just reached here of a disastrous fire at Pocahontas yesterday. The fire occurred in a building of the Pocahontas Collieries Company, in which was stored away some very fine electrical machinery. The loss is about \$12,000.

Later in the day the town was visited by a terrific rain and wind storm. Many of the stores were flooded and streets washed to places. The storm was accompanied by hail in certain localities, doing great damage to growing crops.

Venezuela Decision.

(By Associated Press.)  
CARACAS, VENEZUELA, August 7.—(Delayed transmission.)—The Federal Court of Cassation to-day on appeal gave a final judgment confirming the dissolution of the Hamilton contract with costs.

## SHAW SPEAKS TO REPUBLICANS

Secretary of Treasury  
Leading Card at the  
Roanoke Convention

## LARGEST CONVENT'N IN PARTY HISTORY

J. L. Gleave, Temporary Chair-  
man, Makes a Red Hot Speech,  
in Which He Scores Demo-  
crats, and Declares the  
Race Question is No  
Longer An Issue.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

ROANOKE, VA., August 8.—The Republican State Convention convened in the Academy of Music here to-day, and when the gravel fell at 2 o'clock 1,700 people holding tickets as delegates and alternates were in the hall. A Republican convention does not carry as many delegates as a Democratic convention, as the basis of representation is larger, and the basis itself is smaller, being the Republican vote cast in the last national election. However, there may be no end to delegates, for any reasonable number of men can come up to represent and cast only one vote. One county of the Ninth District, which has only seven votes in the convention, has sent sixty-four men here to cast them, with an equal number of alternates, and they are all here, too. This is but a sample, which goes to show that the Republicans all over the State are taking a much more earnest interest in this State convention than any the party has had since 1871, when the late Judge Hughes was made their candidate to oppose Governor Kemper.

## Better Element.

The Republican leaders and those who are usually referred to as "the better element" of the party, make no effort to conceal their delight at the improved and really creditable appearance of the convention as a body and of the individual members.

A common salutation among them as they pull through the crowds in the hotel corridors and in the convention hall, and as they meet each other on the streets, is: "Isn't it a splendid body of men?" This "better element," does not fall also to call the attention of the lookers-on, especially if he is a newspaper man, to the fact that the brother in black is conspicuous by his absence. They are particularly absent from the hotel lobbies. In all the crowds that surged through the porch and in the hallways of Hotel Roanoke to-day, previous to the assembling of the convention, I saw only three negroes. They were from the custom-house at Newport News and were doing special friends of Captain J. B. Stuart, the brightest light among the latter-day converts to the Republican party, these three being around headquarters, kinder on the outskirts of the crowd, for only a short while. Unless their ideas were very thick, or their patriotism was away up in the clouds, they were bound to see and to feel the frigid-ity with which they were being received.

## Secretary Shaw.

Secretary of the Treasury Leslie M. Shaw arrived here from Washington at 9 o'clock this morning. He was met at the depot by the Reception Committee appointed by the Roanoke Chamber of Commerce and escorted to the Hotel Konnors, where, with Congressman Slomp and Judge Lewis, he had already breakfasted on the Pullman car, and so there was no delay in the cordial reception and greetings extended him.

All the morning a string of visitors were filing in and from his room. In the afternoon the Roanoke committee took him out to show him the beauties of the "Magic City."

"Mr. Shaw is a tall, fine looking gentleman. He wears a neat greyish suit, and a light colored slouch hat, and as he walks along one could hardly imagine him a Confederate veteran on his way to an annual Confederate reunion.

The Academy of Music, which is now dubbed "Convention Hall," is a pleasant place for such a gathering as this. It is prettily decorated with flags and bunting and pictures of Mr. McKinley. President Roosevelt, Secretary Shaw, Judge Lewis, Colonel John S. Mosby and others are hung about the stage and in the corridors.

The bands of music are on hand to

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## ENVOYS AT SEAT OF CONFERENCE, READY FOR WORK

Russian and Japanese  
Missions Are Heartily  
Greeted.

## MEET TO-DAY TO EXAMINE PAPERS

Will Consider Peace Terms or  
Question of Armistice Thurs-  
day or Friday.

## GENERAL GOOD FEELING ACCEPTED AS HAPPY SIGN

Question of Language to Be Used  
in Negotiations Being Dis-  
cussed—Elaborate Prepara-  
tions for Instant Communi-  
cation With Home Gov-  
ernment of Each

(By Associated Press.)

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., August 8.—The Russian and Japanese peace missions have submitted themselves to introduction and likewise to all the ceremonies of welcome and reception on the part of the United States government and the State of New Hampshire, and are to-night on the eve of facing each other for the purpose of ending the war in the Far East and if possible consummating a permanent peace between the two great nations.

To-morrow they will meet in the naval stores building of the Portsmouth Navy Yard. The Russian plenipotentiaries will examine the credentials and the powers which the Emperor of Japan has delegated to Baron Komura and Minister Takahira, and in turn the Japanese plenipotentiaries will scrutinize the powers which the Russian Emperor has conferred upon Mr. Witte and Baron Rosen.

The second day's session, to take place Thursday or Friday, it is expected, will be devoted either to a consideration of the Japanese peace terms or to a proposition for an armistice by the Russian plenipotentiaries. It has been estimated that if a basis of negotiation for peace is found, the actual negotiations will consume something like five weeks' time before a treaty can be perfected and signed.

## Got Hearty Welcome.

The landing and reception of the envoys to-day was a function replete with ceremony. The dignity of the nation's salutes was contrasted with the hearty exclamations of good will on the part of the thousands of persons who thronged the streets of Portsmouth and surrounded the courthouse where Governor McLane pronounced his cordial words of welcome. The envoys of both Japan and Russia were much affected by the demonstration of the American public. Mr. Witte rode through the business section of the town with his tall silk hat raised above his head in constant acknowledgement of salutes. Ambassador Rosen, in the same carriage, was also uncovered in honor of the cheering crowds. In the carriage following were the two Japanese envoys, and the two were not remiss in responding to the hurrahs of the crowds.

Three carriages were occupied by each mission in the procession through the streets of Portsmouth. The Russians and Japanese were given alternate positions, the first, third and fifth carriages were Russian, and the second, fourth and sixth were Japanese.

The envoys were met at the courthouse by Third Assistant Secretary of State Poltro, who first presented Mr. Witte to Governor McLane and then Baron Komura. The senior Russian commissioner presented his suite to the Chief Executive of New Hampshire, and the Japanese plenipotentiaries did likewise. Governor McLane's formal speech of welcome was responded to by a profound bow by both parties. At the conclusion of the ceremonies the Russians were arranged on the right of the Governor, the Japanese on the left, with Mr. Poltro on the immediate right. The group was then surrounded by the Governor's staff and council, and the entire party was photographed.

When the Hotel Wentworth was reached, shortly after 3 o'clock, there was outburst of applause, carried on in good natured rivalry. The envoys took dinner at separate tables in the public dining-room.

## Language to Be Used.

One of the interesting preliminary questions to be settled by the conference is the language in which the negotiations shall be conducted.

Mr. Witte speaks only French and Russian, while Baron Rosen has also a command of English. Both of the Japanese are proficient in the English tongue, but Baron Komura speaks very little French. It is realized that if English shall be chosen as the medium of communication, translations must be made to M. Witte should French be the language decided upon, translations will have to be made, preferably into English for the Japanese.

While there are no official statements or prediction regarding the outcome of the forthcoming negotiations, to-night the prevalence of a general good feeling is noticeable throughout the environs of the peace missions.

## DAILY REPORTS TO HOME GOVERNMENT

Elaborate Preparations Are Being  
Made for Instantaneous Com-  
munication With Capitals.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
PORTSMOUTH, N. H., August 8.—No better illustration of Puck's fanciful idea about the earth can be found than